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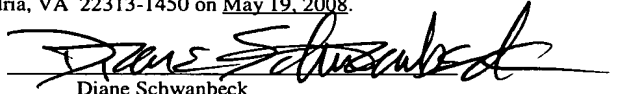
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> application of:)	
Masakatsu ENDO et al.)	Docket No. NGBCP005
Application No. 10/734,375)	Examiner: H. Kassa
Filed: December 12, 2003)	Group Art Unit: 2625
For IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND)	Date: May 19, 2008
IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM)	Confirmation No. 9762
<u>USING THE SAME</u>)	

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**ELECTION OF SPECIES FOR PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS
AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2008. In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species VIII for prosecution on the merits (the embodiment described on page 9, line 21 through page 12, line 12). Applicants submit that claims 24-30 read on the elected species. As a response was due on April 19, 2008, Applicants are concurrently submitting a request for a one-month extension of the period for response. Please amend this application as follows:

The **Amendments to the Claims** made herein are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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